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Attached: Transmittal Letter (2 pgs.)  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 pg.)  
Amendment and Response to Office Action dated August 24, 2005 (9 pgs.)

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Application No. 10/730,860 )  
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**Transmittal Letter**

Dear Sir:

- ☒ In accordance with Rule 136, the Commissioner is hereby petitioned for a **three (3)** month extension of time, extending to **February 24, 2006** the period for response to the Office action dated **August 24, 2005**. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0878 the amount of **\$510.00** for the three (3) month extension fee.
- ☐ Enclosed is a certified copy of Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.55b and 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ Enclosed is an Assignment of the invention to [Assignee], including a cover sheet and Check No. [Assignment Check No.] for \$40.
- ☐ A Declaration of Inventorship and Limited Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☒ Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).
- ☒ Enclosed herewith is an amendment/response for filing in relation to the above-identified application. Entry consideration of this amendment/response is

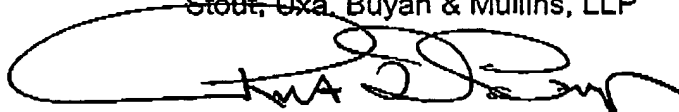
- ☐ Check No. \_\_\_\_ is enclosed covering the additional filing fees in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_. This check covers the required extension of time fee of \$\_\_\_\_. No additional claim fee is seen to be due based on the following calculation:

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Search Fee				\$250	Or		\$500
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Total				\$0	Or	Total	\$

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment and credit any overpayment of the filing fees required under 37 CFR §1.16 and any patent application processing fees required under 37 §CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-0878.

Respectfully submitted,  
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